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REMARKS

This Amendment B supplements Amendment A filed February 27, 2003 in the response to the Office action dated August 27, 2002.

\* Attached hereto is page 35 of Amendment A, the final page of the "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made." This page was inadvertently omitted from Amendment A as filed.

\* New claims 348-399 have been added by this amendment. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1, 2, 5-64, 96-100, 218-325, 327-399 will be pending in the application. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made by this amendment. The attached page are captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

The courteous telephone call by the Examiner to the undersigned attorney on May 14, 2003 is appreciated.

As discussed with the Examiner, new claims 348-399 correspond to dependent claims indicated as allowable in the above-mentioned Office action if rewritten in independent form that were inadvertently canceled by the undersigned attorney in Amendment A. For reference, new claims 348-399 correspond to original claims 67, 68, 77-95, 106, 114, 120-134, 137-146 and 149-152.

Upon entry of this amendment, 30 independent claims and 249 total claims will be pending in the application. Applicants believe that a fee in the amount of \$672.00 is due for the 8 additional independent claims added by this amendment. The Commissioner is requested to charge this fee as well as any other fee in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account 19-1345.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

As noted in Amendment A and discussed with the Examiner by telephone, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement will be filed in connection with this application. Based on the undersigned attorney's conversation with the Examiner on May 14, 2003, it is understood that the next action in this application will be a non-final Office action. Accordingly, applicants will

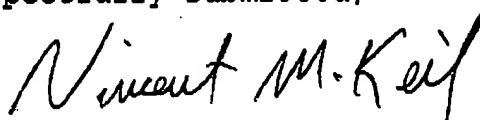
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file a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement before or  
when responding to the next Office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE CLAIMS:

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component feed solutions is such that the final [oxidation] reaction product [mixture] contains at least about 20% by weight of a water-soluble salt of N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine on an acid equivalent basis.

344 [343]. (amended) A process as set forth in claim 343 [342] wherein said average concentration of said salt in said component feed solutions is such that the final [oxidation] reaction product [mixture] contains at least about 28% by weight of a water-soluble salt of N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine on an acid equivalent basis.

345 [344]. (amended) A process as set forth in claim 337 [340] wherein [a] the final [oxidation] reaction product is concentrated by removal of water therefrom.

346 [345]. (amended) A process as set forth in claim 345 [344] wherein said final reaction product [mixture] is introduced into a flash evaporation zone wherein the pressure is lower than the vapor pressure of said final reaction product [oxidation mixture] at the temperature at which it exits the last in said series of reaction zones [said primary reactor or said secondary reaction system].

347 [346]. (amended) A process as set forth in claim 345 [344] wherein removal of water from said final oxidation reaction product produces a concentrated solution containing at least about 40% by weight of a water-soluble salt of N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine on an acid equivalent basis.